



# City of Tacoma City Council Minutes

Tacoma Public Utilities - Auditorium  
3628 South 35th Street, Ground Floor, Tacoma, WA 98409  
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 848 3423 3126  
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**June 11, 2024**  
**5:00 PM**

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## Change of Location

### CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Hines called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

Mayor Woodards participated virtually.

### FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Rumbaugh stated that we gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.

The flag salute was led by Council Member Rumbaugh.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

### ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. [24-0629](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, November 21, 2023.
2. [24-0630](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, special meeting, December 5, 2023.
3. [24-0631](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, December 19, 2023.
4. [24-0135](#) Minutes of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, January 16, 2024.
5. [24-0547](#) Minutes for the Joint Municipal Action Committee, January 12, 2024.

6. [24-0545](#) Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, February 9, 2024.
7. [24-0543](#) Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, March 8, 2024.
8. [24-0542](#) Minutes of the Joint Municipal Action Committee, April 12, 2024.
9. [24-0576](#) Minutes of the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, May 6, 2024.

## AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

10. [RES41443](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Miles Resources, LLC, in the amount of \$1,259,417.40, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,448,330.01, budgeted from the Solid Waste Fund, for pavement repair and security gate upgrades at the Solid Waste Recovery and Transfer Center - Specification No. ES23-0081F.  
[Jody Bratton, P.E., Senior Engineering Project Manager; Michael P. Slevin III, Director, Environmental Services]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41443.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 41443. The Consent Agenda was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 5:04 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received no written comment for public comment.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Michele Reich, speaking on Resolution No. 41449.

Public comment ended at 5:07 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### APPOINTMENTS

11. [RES41444](#) A resolution reappointing Carlos Watson to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2024, to expire June 30, 2029.  
[Deputy Mayor Hines and Council Members Bushnell, Daniels, and Rumbaugh]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41444.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

12. [RES41445](#) A resolution awarding a contract to Miles Resources, LLC, in the amount of \$4,297,827.15, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$4,942,501.22, budgeted from various departmental funds, for the construction of a shared-use path along South Tacoma Way between South “M” Street and South Sprague Avenue - Specification No. PW23-0130F. [Chris Storey, P.E., Principal Engineer; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41445.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## RESOLUTIONS

13. [RES41446](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of a Multi-Family Housing 12-Year Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Stealth Investments LLC, for the development of ten multi-family market and regulated rate rental housing units, located at 2106 South “J” Street in the Downtown Regional Growth Center. [Debbie Bingham, Project Manager; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41446.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

14. [RES41447](#) A resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed and other necessary documents to convey a 1,409 square-foot City parcel adjacent to 3803 North Monroe Street to abutting owner Tania Rose Posa for the amount of \$20,384.84.

[Troy Stevens, Senior Real Estate Specialist; Ramiro A. Chavez, P.E. PgMP, Director, Public Works]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41447.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

15. [RES41448](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$12,500, to sponsor attendance of Tacoma youth at a youth week event in Fuzhou, China.

[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41448.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

16. [RES41449](#) A resolution authorizing the one-time use of Council Contingency Funds, in the amount of \$25,000, to support broken window replacement along Broadway’s Antique Row.  
[Mayor Woodards]

**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 41449.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

17. [ORD28969](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Compensation Plan, by amending Section 1.12.920, entitled “Protection of officers and employees against personal legal liability,” and Section 1.12.940, entitled “Determination of scope of employment,” to comply with the requirements of Washington State law regarding defense of City officers and employees for acts in the course of employment.  
[Steve Victor, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Chris Bacha, City Attorney]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28969. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

18. [ORD28970](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 1.90 of the Municipal Code, relating to the Local Employment and Apprenticeship Training Program, by amending various sections, to replace outdated elements and strengthen program outcomes.  
[Deborah Trevorrow, Workforce Programs Analyst; Jeff Robinson, Director, Community and Economic Development]

**ACTION: Roll call vote was taken on Ordinance No. 28970. The Ordinance was declared passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## COMMUNITY FORUM

Community forum began at 5:23 p.m.

The City Clerk's Office received 12 written comments for community forum regarding City Charter amendments, Home in Tacoma Phase 2, art on Union Avenue, Harrison Shooting Range, and Gaza.

Speaking before the City Council:

1. Daren Holter, regarding the Harrison Shooting Range.
2. Michele Reich, regarding Gaza.
3. Kelly Gusman, regarding healthcare.
4. Sean Arent, regarding the City Charter, Climate Commission, and initiatives.
5. Ann Dorn, regarding the City Charter, policing, initiatives, and form of government (FOG).
6. John Staub, regarding the City Charter.
7. Laura King, regarding the City Charter.
8. Talison Crosby, regarding the City Charter, FOG, Climate Commission, and policing.
9. Jay Herring, regarding the City Charter and voting.
10. Aife Pasquale, regarding the City Charter.
11. Haze Leviathan, regarding the City Charter, Climate Commission, and policing.
12. Steve Haverly, regarding the City Charter.
13. Barbara Church, regarding the climate.
14. Stacy Oaks, regarding the climate and FOG.
15. Eric Herde, regarding the City Charter, FOG, initiatives, and policing.

16. Gemini, regarding the City Charter.
17. Bryan Johnson, regarding homeless encampments.
18. April Smith, regarding the the City Charter and FOG.
19. Kathy Lawhon, regarding the City Charter, FOG, policing, and Tacoma Housing Authority (THA).
20. Laurie Arnold, regarding Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption.
21. Jami, regarding the City Charter, Climate Commission, policing, and FOG.
22. Samuel Weissman, regarding ballots and FOG.
23. Jude Ehraus, regarding the police.

The City Council meeting recessed at 6:01 p.m., and reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

24. Jake Bailey, regarding policing accountability, FOG, and the Climate Commission.

Community forum ended at 6:11 p.m.

## **REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**

There was no report.

## **COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

### Government Performance and Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Hines, Chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, reported on May 21, 2024, the Committee held interviews for the Public Utility Board, and held a joint meeting with the Audit Advisory Board which contained informational briefings on the State Auditor's 2022 exit accountability audit and 2023 entrance conference for federal audit; the June 4, 2024, meeting included the Moss Adams 2023 audit exit conference, informational briefings regarding Tacoma Power's reserve funds and potential revisions to the rate stabilization fund language in Tacoma Power's Electric Rate and Financial Policy, and public disclosure request data from 2019 to 2023. He concluded by stating the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on June 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and will include a briefing on the proposed revisions to the Municipal Code regarding claims settlements, a monthly budget update, and a review of long-range financial plans for Tacoma Water and Tacoma Power.

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**MOTION: Council Member Walker moved to excuse Council Member Bushnell from the meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Daniels, Diaz, Hines, Rumbaugh, Scott, Walker and Mayor Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Bushnell

**ADJOURNMENT**

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

  
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for Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

  
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Nicole Emery, City Clerk